



Klein Meets with Local Mayors to Discuss Stimulus

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) today met with more than a dozen Broward County mayors and city managers to discuss the economic stimulus package currently being crafted in Washington. Congressman Klein held the meeting to hear local perspectives on the stimulus and to discuss key priorities with local leaders.

“As the economic stimulus plan continues to take shape, it is a critical priority for me to meet with local leaders and hear their perspective,” Klein said following the meeting. “I was encouraged to hear the mayors express strong support for a balanced stimulus plan which contains a mix of tax cuts and targeted spending on local projects. I will continue fighting for a stimulus plan which creates jobs in the short term and also provides long-term, tangible benefits to our community. I look forward to continuing to work with the mayors and other local officials to address their primary concern: that stimulus money is spent creating jobs and funding local priorities right here in South Florida.”

Action items from the meeting included a joint letter to Governor Charlie Crist from the Broward County Delegation to ensure that federal money allocated to the state of Florida is spent creating jobs in South Florida and funding local priorities, as well as a follow-up conference call to be scheduled for later this week, as the U.S. House considers the final version of the stimulus bill.

Klein will hold a similar meeting with Palm Beach County mayors on February 18. Participants in this morning's Broward mayors meeting included Hillsboro Beach Mayor Carmen McGarry, Oakland Park Mayor Layne Walls, Oakland Park City Manager John Stunson, Lighthouse Point Mayor Fred Schorr, Dania Beach Mayor Al Jones, Dania Beach City Manager Colin Donnelly, Fort Lauderdale Grants Manager Kathleen Gunn, Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher, Coral Springs Mayor Scott Brook, Plantation Mayor Rae Carol Armstrong, Wilton Manors Mayor Gary Resnick, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Mayor Roseann Minnet and Cooper City Mayor Debbie Eisinger.

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